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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Hartley *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

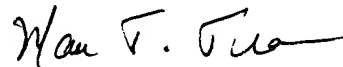
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **December 17, 2002** (Paper No. 8), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.